



Schelly Bryant
Addie L Bryant

To the Hon W. T. Miller Judge
of the Circuit Court of
Lee County Virginia-

Having ^{completing} your Orator
^{Schelly Bryant} would respectfully show
unto your Honor, That on the
- day of ^{January} ~~April~~ 1889, he was
married with one Addie L. Gornett
which was duly solemnized
by the usual form and way as
required by the laws of Virginia.

Your Orator now states that by
his said act and marriage the
said Addie L. Gornett became his
lawful wife.

Your Orator now states that for
a short while thing moved on in
the usual way, as is natural
as between husband & wife -
and your Orator was happy
in mind and was satisfied with
his said wife, and his only aim
was to make as far as possible
their joint lives one of happiness
and pleasure.

Your Orator will now state that
the said Addie L. Bryant, in a few
short months, for some cause

Your Orator now states he has not heard
and associated with this Defendant - as Maria
& wife since the time of her said
desertion. Your Orator further states that he &
his said wife have not heard of all their lives have
been residents of the County of Virginia.

or other which is wholly unknown
to your Orator, became dissatis-
fied of your Orator, and wholly
disregarding her marital vow
and the solemn obligations &
taken upon herself when she
lawfully became your Orator's
wife, deserted her Husband (Now
your Orator,) abandoned her home
and without the consent or knowledge
of your Orator returned to her
former home - which your Orator
now here states ~~was~~ was who-
ly against his earnest desire
in the premises - *

Your Orator now states, he was
to his said wife a kind affec-
tionate and true husband -
that he used every means to
satisfy his said wife and please
her - & get her to return to him,
but to no avail, but that she
wholly failed to comply with his
most earnest entreaties and
persisted in her abandonment,

Your Orator now states that
more than 5 years has now
passed since ~~she~~ was so de-

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Entered and abandoned by his
said wife, and he is advised
that under the Existing laws of
Va he is thereby entitled to a
divorce from his said wife a
Vinculo Matrimonii. And to
this End he prays that
Adie S Bryant, be made party
Defendant to this Bill and
Answer its allegations upon oath,
That upon a hearing of this
cause a decree of the Court
may be entered dissolving
the Bonds of Matrimony now ex-
isting between your orator and
the defendant, restoring him
to his original rights of
Matrimony. May Comenon
wealths &c I am directed
and your orator will ever
pray &c

J. M. Myer
P. Q.

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1890 to 1900

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Shell ^{original} ~~Bill~~
7.3 Bill. for
3 ~~to~~ ~~income~~

Addi Bryant.

In chg. Lee Circuit
Court, June Term 1894

1894, 2nd May Rules Bill
filed Spa 2:00 P.
" 1st June Rules taken the
last Monday in May
D. N. confirmed and entered
set for hearing by Plff.

June Term ¹⁸⁹⁴ Decree
final See Ord. Book
No 4 Page 30

Filed May the

Shelby Bryant Plf
v.s. } weene, (Holl) } Lucky
Addre to Bryant defth }

This cause came on
this day, to be heard upon the bill, and pro-
ceedings therein taken, and the Bill being taken
for confessed by the defth in this cause
and the right of action appearing to
have accrued to the Plaintiff, and it
appearing from the Testimony in this
cause that more than 5 years has el-
apsed since the desertion of the Plff
by the defendant, It is therefore or-
dered Adjudged and decreed that
the bonds of Matrimony, now existing
between the Plff & defth are hereby an-
nulled vacated and set aside, and
it appearing from ~~and~~ ^{the} Record in
said suit, that no other charge
than desertion is made or proven it is
further ordered adjudged & decreed that
each of the parties be restored to their
^{single} state and ^{be permitted} ~~allowed~~ to marry again,
and, this cause is stricken from
the docket

Shelby Bryant }
vs 3 In chg. }
Addie L Bryant }

Deer final,

Enter on Chy. Cir. Book P. 30
"

Enter this name.
June The 14 1894.
W J M

The deposition of W.P. Sprinkle
taken ^{on June 14th 1894} at the office of John
M. Morgan in the town of
Jonesville Va which when
taken are intended to be read
as evidence in a certain
suit in chancery pending
in the circuit court of Lee
Co. Va in which Shelly Bryant
is plaintiff & Addie Bryant
is defendant.

W.P. Sprinkle a witness of
lawful age being duly
sworn deposes as follows:
I am a citizen of Lee Co Va
I have been all my life.
I am acquainted with Shelly
Bryant & Addie Bryant &
I have known Addie all
her life & Shelly some
12 or 15 years. They have
always since I have known
them been residents of
Lee Co. Va & are now
residents of the same.
And further this deponent
says not

W.P. Sprinkle

Virginia, Lee County, Wash.
I, D. P. Sewell, a Notary Public
for Lee County in the State of
Virginia, do certify that the
foregoing deposition of W. P.
Sprinkle was this day duly
taken, subscribed & sworn
to before me at the time
& place in the caption
mentioned. Given under
my hand, this 4th day
of June 1894.

D. P. Sewell
Notary Public

Shelly Bryant

vs } Deposition

Addie Bryant

Plaintiff

Notary Public

before whom taken

at Lee June 4th

1894-

D. P. Sewell

Shelby Bryant- Pff.)
25 3 } In Chy
Addie Bryant Wdft.

The Deposition of
Jeff Bryant Taken at W. P. Wood,
Store in Lee Co Va, ^{on May 28th 1894.} in presence
of ^{himself with attached} notice in the above styled
cause to be read in ~~my~~ behalf
of the Plaintiff in the above
styled cause. In chancery suit
now pending in the circuit
Court of Lee Co Va.

Jeff Bryant a witness
of Lawful Age after being
1st duly sworn sponors and
Oath's,

Ques 1st Please state whether or not
You know Shelby Bryant and
Addie Bryant, When they
were married, & how long
did they live together?

Answer I do know both Shelby Bryant
and Addie Bryant. I think
they were married in the year
1889. In the month of February.
They lived together a little
over two months.

Ques 2. What Then Became of Addie Bryant?

Answer. She left Shelby and went to her Mothers near ^{the} Town, of Jonesville

Ques 3^d. Did she voluntarily leave and desert the said Shelby Bryant?

Answer. She did.

Ques 4th During the Time They lived together as Husband & wife was Shelby Kind to her - And did he always provide for ^{her} in the way of clothing, & maintenance?

Answer. He was very kind to her. and always provided well for her in both provisions and clothing.

Ques 5th Since the Time the said Addie Bryant deserted her said Husband has he ever lived with his said wife, as ^a husband?

Answer. He has not lived with her since she left him. as a husband or any other way.

Witness And further this Deponent soith oat.

Claims 1 day .50 cts

Jeff Bryant

V. D. Haynes another witness
of lawful age being duly
sworn deposes and says.

Quest 1st By Off.

Do you know Shelby Bryant
and Addie Bry? did you see
them married? When was it?

Answer

I know both Shelby Bryant
and Addie Bryant, and I
was present when they were
married. They were married
in the month of February
1889.

Question 2nd

Please state how long they lived
together as husband & wife, and
whether or not, Addie Bryant
deserted her said husband?

Answer.

It was some two or three
months, I don't think it was
more than three months. It
has always been my understand-
ing that she left him. I know
the fact that they have not
lived together since she left
him. Soon after they were
married, during the time that

They lived Together as man
and wife, they were at my
house some, and seemed
to be getting along well, and
he provided for her as
well as a man in his
Circumstances well could.
And further this Depoent with nat.

Witness claims

V. D. Haynes

1 day 50. Cts. Virginia Lee County To-wit:

I. Henry C. Foslyn a Justice of the
Peace, for the said County, do hereby
Certify, that the foregoing depositions of
Jeff. Bryant and V. D. Haynes, were
duly taken, sworn to and Subscribed before
me at the time and place mentioned
in the Caption of the same.

Given under my hand this 28th
day of May 1894.

H. C. Foslyn J. P.

Shelby Bryant left
D.S. in Chancery
Addie Bryant left

The depositions
of Jeff. Bryant &
V. D. Haynes

Received from the Justice
before whom taken and
filed this the 30th day
of May 1894
A. B. Munnery Clerk

J. P. Fee \$1.50
Paid by Plaintiff

Shelby Bryant

AGAINST

Addie L Bryant

To

Addie L Bryant

Take notice that on the 28th day

of May, 1884, at 777 Woods Street, in Lee

County, State of W. Va I will proceed to take the deposition of Jeff

Bryant et al to be read as evidence on behalf of Myself

in a certain suit L Chy now pending in the Circuit Court of Lee

County, State of Virginia, wherein L am

Plaintiff and You are Defendant. And if from any cause the taking of said deposition be not begun on that day, or being begun not completed, the same will be continued from day to day or from time to time, and, if desired from place to place, until the same are complete. You may attend and cross-examine if you wish.

May 25-1884

Very Respectfully,

Shelby Bryant
by Atty

Shelby Bryant
 } Notice to
 } take Deposi-
 } tions
Addie Bryant.

I accept Legal
Service of the
within notice
May 26th 1894.
Addie Bryant.

Shelby Bryant

AGAINST

Addie L Bryant

To Addie L Bryant

Take notice that on the 4 day

of June, 1894, at J M Moyans Office, in Lee
County, State of Virginia I will proceed to take the deposition of

W. P. Sprinkle
to be read as evidence on behalf of Myself

in a certain suit Enchy now pending in the Circuit Court of Lee

County, State of Va, wherein I am

Plaintiff and you are Defendant. And if from any

cause the taking of said deposition be not begun on that day, or being begun not completed, the same will be
continued from day to day or from time to time, and, if desired, from place to place, until the same are complete. You
may attend and cross-examine if you wish.

June 2nd

1894

Very Respectfully,

Shelby Bryant
By Council.

Shelby Bryant
253 2 chs
Addie L Bryant

Notice to take
depositions

I accept legal
service of the
within notice
from the 2nd 1894
Addie L Bryant.

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

To the Sheriff of the County of Lee, Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU, That you summon

Addie Bryant

to appear at the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Lee, at the rules to be held for the said Court on the *3rd* Monday in *May*, 189*4*, to answer a bill in Chancery, exhibited against *her* in our said court by *Shelley Bryant*

And have then there this writ.

Witness, A. B. MUNSEY, Clerk of our said Court, at the court-house,

the *17th* day of *May*, 189*4*, and in the 11 *8th* year of the Commonwealth.

A B Munsey Clerk.

Shelby Bryant

US. }

SUBPÆNA
IN CHANCERY.

Addie Bryant

J. M. Morgan p. q.

To

2nd May Rules,

Circuit Court.

Executed May the 1st 1894
by posting an affixed
copy of the within
summons to the door of the
residence of Addie Bryant
she being absent from
her usual place of
abode this May the 1st 1894
C. E. Flannery, S. L. C.